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Subject: Attorney General John Ashcroft Letter

Attached is the letter we have drafted for you based on your comments. Please review it and make changes to anything that does not represent what you think. If you received this letter by fax, you can photocopy it onto your business letterhead; if the letter was emailed, just print it out on your letterhead. Then sign and fax it to the Attorney General and carbon copy it to your Member of Congress. We believe that it is essential to let our elected officials know how important this issue is to their constituents.

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The Attorney General's fax and email are noted below.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in response to the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice over the antitrust suit. I feel that the settlement is a fair one. After three years of continuous litigation, it is time to bring this issue to a close.

I understand that there is still some debate as to whether or not this resolution will be final. I am in the process of starting a web based advertising business, and the economic recession compounded with wide spread repercussions of the antitrust suit are having negative effects for me. Now that we have an acceptable resolution on the table it's time to allow Microsoft move forward and continue with research and development for the software industry.

Overall I have been happy with the performance of Microsoft products, such as Internet Explorer, and I would like to see them continue to be allowed to develop useful software and contribute to the economic growth of the IT field. For these among other reasons I support the settlement.

Sincerely,

Bryan Shipp

cc: Senator Rick Santorum